What is claimed is:

1. A method of advancing a natural casing along the length of hollow meat stuffing tube, comprising,

placing a hollow natural casing on the outside surface of a hollow stuffing tube having a meat emulsion discharge end,

placing at least one cylindrical roller transversely with respect to a longitudinal axis of the stuffing tube in engagement with the casing on the stuffing tube, and compressively forcing the casing into engagement with an outside surface of the stuffing tube, and

rotating the roller to slide the casing towards the discharge end of the stuffing tube.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the roller is a pneumatic roller.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the pneumatic roller is pressure adjustable to determine its hardness.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the roller is mounted on arms extending rearwardly from a downstream post, raising and lowering the roller into and out of contact with the casing, and rotating the roller to slide the casing towards the discharge end of the stuffing tube.

5. An apparatus for advancing a natural casing along the length of a sausage encasing machine having a stuffing tube and a twisting mechanism, comprising,

a base securably connected to the twisting mechanism;

at least one arm having a first and second end rotatably connected to the base at a first end and extending toward the stuffing tube;

a cylindrical roller rotatably connected to the second end of the arm and engaging the stuffing tube.

6. The apparatus of claim 5 further comprising a cam transversely engaging the arm so that the cam can control the vertical movement of the arm.